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1. Marshal G.K. Zhukov's article was published in Pravda on 9 May 1954 in recognition of his popularity, greater than that of G.M. Malenkov or N.A. Bulganin, within the USSR. It is true that his four-year banishment affected his prestige, but he was met with affection by the people of Moscow on his return. Zhukov's banishment was a result of his popularity during and after the war. He is a short-sighted politician, without reserve, and too straightforward and frank. Surely, Zhukov understands why he was returned to Moscow and is aware that he is being watched.
2. The article certainly was written under the direction of the CC CPSU and was censored by it. The article should not be considered as expressing Zhukov's personal opinion, nor should it be taken as evidence of strife between the Army and the Government. Perhaps Zhukov has an inner feeling of friendship for Eisenhower and Montgomery but such a feeling is not evident when one considers the article as a whole. The paragraph on Allied cooperation during the war was probably well received by the Army and by the Soviet populace and may serve the more quickly to re-establish the former glory of Zhukov. If Zhukov is not removed from the scene, he will yet have his say.

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